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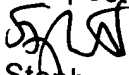
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All references are in English except Reference BC, which is in German. There is no published English language equivalent of Reference BC, although there is a co-pending US equivalent application, Ser. No. 09/628,415.

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